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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 June 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 have been examined.

Drawings

2. The drawings filed on 06/01/2000 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities indicated on the attached "Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review," PTO-948. Formal drawings with corrections must be made in reply to this Office action. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not a single paragraph. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 2-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the stored identification information" in page 17, line 2.

There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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6. Claims 10-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 10 recites the limitation "the stored identification information" in page 18, line 19. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dustan et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,884,312 A.

As per claims 1 and 9, Dustan et al. discloses a method and a machine readable medium comprising:

- a. generating an authentication result from comparing stored identification information with collected identification information of the organization property (see column 8, lines 16-21; figure 2, item 28; corporation graphical documents identified by a specific URL); and
- b. transmitting a plurality type of network packets containing the authentication result to a plurality of organization servers via a network (see column 11, lines 5-22; figure 2, item 54;

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allowing information to be exchanged among web servers of the Internet or servers of a corporate intranet by distributing the URL for the graphical documents).

As per claims 2 and 10, Dustan et al. further disclose:

retrieving the stored identification information and network addresses of the organization servers from a tamper-resistant storage location (see column 8, lines 38-47; figure 2, items 24 and 22; accessing the identification from the database server of the corporation).

As per claims 3 and 11, Dustan et al also elaborate:

assembling the plurality of types of network packets with the network addresses and information indicative of a current location of the organization property (see column 8, lines 38-47; combining with other information including the database server where the document is stored).

As per claims 4 and 12, Dustan et al. then point out:

- a. assembling and transmitting an intranet network packet to an intranet server (see column 11, lines 44-51; transmitting a request to a corporate intranet server; and
- b. in response to non-acknowledgment from the intranet server, assembling and transmitting an internet network packet to an internet server (see column 11, lines 49-60; in the event of improper interception resulting in no acknowledgment, implementing a Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocol with a webserver on the internet).

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As per claims 5 and 13, Dustan et al. next explain:

retrieving the collected identification information from the organization property (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; the database server storing the URL corresponding to a particular script for a document with the document stored in the database server).

As per claims 6 and 14, Dustan et al. additionally mention:

retrieving the collected identification information from an electronic system that contains the organization property (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; the database server storing the URL corresponding to a particular script for a document with the document stored in the database server).

As per claims 7 and 15, Dustan et al. moreover describe:

that the collected identification information comprises an Internet Protocol address assigned to the organization property (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; where the client uses the URL of the graphical document to access it from the database server).

As per claims 8 and 16, Dustan et al. then specify:

that the collected identification information comprises device identification information of the electronic system (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; the URL for the document indicates that it is stored at the database server).

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As per claim 17, Dustan et al. illustrate a theft prevention system comprising:

- a. a plurality of organization servers coupled to a network (see column 7, lines 8-15; figures 1 and 2, items 32, 34, 36, and 38; corporate data sources);
- b. a tamper-resistant storage location to maintain stored identification information of the organization property and network addresses of the organization servers (see column 12, lines 49-67; column 13, lines 1-10; figure 2, items 88 and 80; a database management system in conjunction with storage in the database server to initiate procedures to access documents);
- c. a theft monitor, coupled to the tamper-resistant storage location to generate an authentication result by comparing stored identification information with collected identification information of the organization property (see column 12, lines 23-35; comparing the client submitted URL with the stored URL in the database server to access the document; and
- d. a network access controller, coupled to the theft monitor, to transmit a plurality types of network packets containing the authentication result to the organization servers via the network (see column 11, lines 5-22; exchanging the document information with servers of the internet or servers of the corporate intranet).

As per claim 18, Dustan et al. further disclose:

retrieving the stored identification information and network addresses of the organization servers from a tamper-resistant storage location (see column 8, lines 38-47; figure 2, items 24 and 22; accessing the identification from the database server of the corporation).

As per claim 19, Dustan et al also elaborate:

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assembling the plurality of types of network packets with the network addresses and information indicative of a current location of the organization property (see column 8, lines 38-47; combining with other information including the database server where the document is stored).

As per claim 20, Dustan et al. then point out:

a. assembling and transmitting an intranet network packet to an intranet server (see column 11, lines 44-51; transmitting a request to a corporate intranet server; and

b. in response to non-acknowledgment from the intranet server, assembling and transmitting an internet network packet to an internet server (see column 11, lines 49-60; in the event of improper interception resulting in no acknowledgment, implementing a Secure Socket Layer (SSL) protocol with a webserver on the internet).

As per claim 21, Dustan et al. next explain:

retrieving the collected identification information from the organization property (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; the database server storing the URL corresponding to a particular script for a document with the document stored in the database server).

As per claim 22, Dustan et al. additionally mention:

retrieving the collected identification information from an electronic system that contains the organization property (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; the database

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server storing the URL corresponding to a particular script for a document with the document stored in the database server).

As per claim 23, Dustan et al. moreover describe:

that the collected identification information comprises an Internet Protocol address assigned to the organization property (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; where the client uses the URL of the graphical document to access it from the database server).

As per claim 24, Dustan et al. then specify:

that the collected identification information comprises device identification information of the electronic system (see column 12, lines 22-43; figure 2, items 22 and 28; the URL for the document indicates that it is stored at the database server).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Schultz et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,754,428 A discloses distributing electronic documents with identification information indicating their position
- Rubin et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,638, 446 A describes a digital signature technique for generating authentication information of a document

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- Sony Corp. (Iijima et al.), Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 09-282263
present a system for using an identifier to account for and control equipment in a personal computer environment

Telephone Inquiry Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Justin T. Darrow whose telephone number is (703) 305-3872 and whose electronic mail address is justin.darrow@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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